

Pokagon State Park

July 15 - 31, 2016

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and Other Park Events

NATURE CENTER SUMMER HOURS
Open Daily 10 – 5 p.m.

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All our programs are on
Eastern Daylight Savings
Time.

The DNR Calendar is
Available at
www.calendar.in.gov

Potawatomi Inn Activities

There are numerous activities that take place at the Potawatomi Inn.
Take a leisurely 1-1.5 hour ride on our pontoon boat where you will be able to explore the first and second basin of Lake James. You will learn the history of the lake and Pokagon State Park in this fun tour. Check the front desk for launch times. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$7 for children under 12 years old. These can be purchased at the Boathouse.
Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...



Friday (July 15th)

- 10:30 a.m. HOW MANY HABITATS?** - Ever wondered just how diverse Pokagon State Park's habitats really are? Find out on this 40-minute hike beginning at the Nature Center front lawn. This one is great for kids!
- 2:00 p.m. HERE TODAY, GONE TOMORROW** - Join the Naturalist at the Nature Center to learn about some of Pokagon's endangered and protected species and what you can do to conserve them.
- 8:30 p.m. POTAWATOMI LEGENDS** - Meet the Naturalist at the Campground Amphitheater for an evening of stories passed down from the Potawatomi and learn how this tribe is such an important part of Pokagon history.

Saturday (July 16th)

- 10:30 a.m. GOOD BUDDIES** - Come to the Nature Center and learn about the different relationships between Pokagon's inhabitants. Some are good relationships and others can be bad; join us to learn why!
- 2:00 p.m. THE BEST NEST** - Which nest is best when it comes to different birds? Learn how our flying friends use different materials and structures to create their nests and stay to make a nest of your own.
- 8:30 p.m. NATURE'S LIGHTSHOW** - Fireflies or lightning bugs, which do you say? Join our Naturalist at the CCC Shelter and catch some either way.

Sunday (July 17th)

- 8:30 a.m. SUNDAY MORNING BIRD WALK** - Come along for our traditional Sunday morning hike searching for birds and other summer wildlife. Meet the Naturalist on the Inn Sun Deck. Binoculars provided.
- Noon - 4:00 p.m. FOLK MUSIC CONCERT** - Enjoy local folk musicians playing in rain or shine at the Trine State Recreation Area's Wild Turkey Shelter. This concert is FREE thanks to the Steuben County Tourism!

Monday (July 18th)

- 10:30 a.m. HELL'S POINT BOUND** - Visit the highest point in the park along with other natural features on this 1 ½ hour hike. Meet the Naturalist at the Spring Shelter. Parking is available above the shelter.
- 2:00 p.m. CRITTER FEEDING TIME** - Stop by the Nature Center to watch some critters eat their food!

Tuesday (July 19th)

- 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. PLEIN AIR PAINTER ARTIST IN RESIDENCE** – Look for our local artist, Andrea Kruse, on the Lake Lonidaw pier as she paints its beautiful landscape. If raining, she will be at the Nature Center.
- 10:30 a.m. BIRD OLYMPICS** - Experience a bit of the spirit of the 2016 Summer Olympics in these fun competitions at the Nature Center. You will see how well you measure up to some of our native birds!
- 2:00 p.m. TURTLES TIME** - Turtle trot on over to the Nature Center to meet and learn about our turtles.



Wednesday (July 20th)

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. PLEIN AIR PAINTER ARTIST IN RESIDENCE – Look for our local artist, Andrea Kruse, near the Trine State Recreation Area Welcome Center as she paints its beautiful landscape. If raining, she will be located at the Nature Center.

Thursday (July 21st)

2:00 p.m. SASSAFRAS BEADS - The sassafras tree has many uses! In this program discover how you can make a bracelet using its twig. All are welcome to make a small craft to take home.

7:30 p.m. ARTIST PRESENTATION OF C.W. MUNDY - Local artist Andrea Kruse, will present in the Nature Center Auditorium on the style and personality of famous Indiana artist, C.W. Mundy, painter of landscapes, still life's and portraits.

Friday (July 22nd)

10:30 a.m. NATURE JOURNALS - Enjoy a morning in the Nature Center where you will create a Nature Journal to help you document and keep treasures from your Pokagon adventures!

Saturday (July 23rd)



2:00 p.m. GLACIAL GOODIES - It's National Vanilla Ice Cream Day! To celebrate, come to the Potawatomi Inn's Courtyard where we will use this frozen treat to learn how glaciers helped create Pokagon State Park! Free ice cream provided by the Potawatomi Inn while supplies last.

Sunday (July 24th)

8:30 a.m. MORNING MEANDER - Come along for our traditional Sunday morning hike searching for birds and other summer wildlife. Meet the Naturalist on the Inn Sun Deck. Binoculars provided.

Monday (July 25th)

10:30 a.m. SNAKES ALIVE! - Slither over to the Nature Center to see snakes up-close and learn more about these often misunderstood creatures.

Tuesday (July 26th)

2:00 p.m. LAKE LOOKING - Come in your swim suits or shorts and meet the Naturalist at the Potawatomi Inn Beach for an aquatic investigation of Lake James. We'll be searching for the variety of life occurring along the shore and beneath the water's surface.



Wednesday (July 27th)

2:00 p.m. TRAIL 2 @ 2 - Explore Pokagon's shaded northwest corner with views overlooking Snow Lake on this 1 ½ hour hike. Meet our Naturalist at the Camper's Store entrance with water and proper footwear.

Thursday (July 28th)

2:00 p.m. A FENTASTIC HIKE - Discover the plants and animals that call the special, fen wetland habitats of Gentian Lake home. Gather at the Trine State Recreation Area Welcome Center for this short hike.

Friday (July 29th)

10:30 a.m. DIGITAL CAMERA SCAVENGER HUNT - Use your camera or phone camera in this challenge where you "focus" on capturing images from our list of items at the Nature Center. Prizes will be awarded.



2:00 p.m. SMOKEY THE BEAR STORY - Come to the Nature Center to hear the story and history of Smokey the Bear and meet him! The Potawatomi Inn is providing popcorn while supplies last.

Saturday (July 30th)

11:00 - 5:00 p.m. SAND SCULPTURES & SAND CASTLE CONTEST - Head down to the main beach where the 39th annual sand sculpture demonstration will be actively occurring. Visitors are welcome to observe this family's sand sculpture masterpieces that will be State Park and Nature themed. From **1 to 2:30p.m.** Visitors are invited to try their hand at making their own sand castles down the beach from the artists. Winners will be judged at 2:30 and receive a prize.



7:30 p.m. "ORIGINS" A STORY OF INDIANA STATE PARKS' BEGINNINGS - Special guest storyteller, Bob Sanders, will perform a dramatic recounting of the history of the Indiana State Parks' beginnings in the Nature Center Auditorium. This complex tale will be conveyed by an intimate, live storytelling performance that is seasoned with stunning visual interludes.

Sunday (July 31st)

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS CO. 556 REUNION - Join us at the Nature Center for our annual CCC Co. 556 Reunion. This program will showcase our CCC veterans, their families, and their stories.

11:00 a.m. CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS "POCKET" MUSEUM DEDICATION - All are welcome to Pokagon's historic gatehouse for this special dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony. This museum is an Indiana State Park's Centennial Legacy Project.

12:00 p.m. STATE PARK'S CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION - Come to the CCC Shelter to enjoy fellowship, refreshments, view the beach sand sculptures, and participate in a little Pokagon State Park trivia to celebrate our Indiana State Park's 100th Birthday and Pokagon's 91st.